## New Haven Public Schools

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CC Docket No 02-6 Request for Review

This is an appeal of Funding Year 2006 Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letters dated 11/15/2010 for the New Haven Public School District, BEN 122543. The Application number/FRNs are:

471 Application Number	FRN	Service Provider	SPIN
504720	1401336	The Southern New England Telephone Co.	143001305
504720	1438156	The Southern New England Telephone Co.	143001305

During the course of an audit, it was determined that the technology plan was not in place (approved) as of 7/1/2006 as indicated on the E-Rate Form 486. The SLD's position is that the technology plan was not effective until 8/7/2006 and is seeking recovery of what they consider improperly disbursed funds.

The New Haven Public School District (as well as all schools in Connecticut) are required to have their technology plan reviewed by the Regional Education Service Center (RESC), which is a public education agency created under Connecticut State Statue, before submission to the Connecticut State Department of Education. The New Haven Public School District submitted their plan to the RESC and was approved on June 13, 2006. New Haven then submitted their plan to the Connecticut State Department of Education on June 23, 2006 (before the June 30 deadline listed on the letter. (Please see the attached documents with date stamps)

The Connecticut State Department of Education did not approve the plan until August 7, 2006, even though it was submitted to them in a timely fashion.

The New Haven Public Schools had a valid technology plan in place on 7/1/2006. The school district should not be penalized due to the delays by the Connecticut State Department of Education. There is no waste, fraud or abuse involved in these applications – just a state agency unable to keep up with their workload.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Reginald,

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Congratulations! An ACES Educational Technology Specialist has reviewed your Tech Plan and is recommending it for approval. Enclosed please find a completed and signed Technology Plan Review Guide.

Remember that you must now mail an electronic version of your Tech Plan to CSDE on a CD-ROM along with a "hard copy" of your Tech Plan and a copy of the signed Technology Plan Review Guide to CSDE by <u>June 30</u>, <u>2006</u> for final review and state certification. Please make sure that you include the date submitted to the Board of Education and the date approved or anticipated approval by the Board of Education on the cover page. Also, make sure that the superintendent's original signature appears on the cover page, on the LEA Federal Grant Program Compliance Form page and on the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Certification page (which also includes E-rate certification). You also need to include the "Signature of Authorized LEA Agent" on the Technology Plan Preparation Check-Off Page.

Send your district's long range technology plan by June 30th to:

Arthur Skerker Connecticut State Department of Education 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

Upon review and approval by the CSDE, a letter of approval/state certification will be sent by the CSDE to the Superintendent of Schools with a copy to the educational technology plan contact.

If you have any questions, please call me at ACES at (203)407–4454, or email me at ismith@aces.kl2.ct.us. Good Luck with the implementation of you tech plan.

Sincerely,

Joshua Smith

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Section 254(h)(1)(B), of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and FCC Order 97-157, Paragraph 573 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) P.L. 107-110

Published: August 2005 Submissions to RESCs for review due before April 15, 2006 Submission to SDE due June 30, 2006

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